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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL BY ATTORNEY AS FEE ADDRESSEE

I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this patent in accordance with 37 CFR 1.36.

The last known mailing address of either the inventor(s) or the assignee(s) of the entire interest is:

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The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR 10.40(c) sections (5) and (6).

In an effort to assure that proper steps are taken to timely pay maintenance fees, the responsibility to pay such fees has been placed upon the person(s) listed above, thereby eliminating the possibility that the undersigned attorneys will be unable to locate such person(s) at the time maintenance fees become due.

The term within which the first maintenance fee is due will expire on March 11, 2012.

This maintenance fee can be paid with a surcharge until September 10, 2012.

In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client. A copy of the cover letter to the client is attached.

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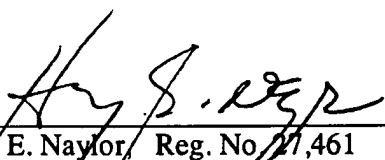
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This request is enclosed in triplicate.

The undersigned, an attorney at the law firm of Kean Miller, Hawthorne, D Armond, McCowan & Jarman, L.L.P., signs on behalf of all attorneys registered in this matter, respectfully requesting to withdraw.



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